Downingtown High School West Campus

Home & School Association Meeting

October 12, 2017
7:00PM-Library

WELCOME: DWH&S officers and attendees introduced themselves.

OLD BUSINESS: 9/14/17 Minutes approved

NEW BUSINESS:

Treasurer’s Report: Cara Phalen: approximately $3,700

Spirit Wear Sales: Pia DiSanto: will receive one check at the end of the year for spirit wear sales. Discussion on keeping stock of spirit wear sales for events even if stock is limited in type. People like to see quality of materials and what things look like.

Home & School Updates: Karen Jaren: Superintendent Emilie Lonardi joined us and asked many questions on how the H&S officers saw the district, how things were being run, programs, educational impression, social and mental health of students, etc. Look out for possible survey sent to parents on their impression of the district.

Joint Home & School Report: Pia DiSanto: CTC does a program for stressing the importance of not driving under the influence and making good decisions. CTC comes to the Driver’s Ed (not Health class as I mentioned at the meeting) with a police officer to talk about what happens if one is picked up for driving under the influence. CTC brings impairment goggles for the kids to try on and do various tasks to show difficulty of trying to drive while impaired. Can kids in cyber class attend this session? (question asked in reference to my saying CTC comes to health class, but question still relevant)

Point made that when talking to kids about making good choices and/or driving with kids who are impaired that the kids do not hear the question as asked but re-frame the question, unconsciously, to one that makes sense in their socio-conscious thinking.

School Board Report: Pia DiSanto

Go to the following link to see the October School Board meeting and to access the September notes and October agenda: https://www.dasd.org/domain/43

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT: Kurt Barker: Out of a possible 774 kids who could have taken the PSAT’s, West had over 700 participate.

There were over 45 National Merit and Commended students across the district.

A number of students and teachers worked together to prepare the courtyard. The courtyard now has raised flower/vegetable beds, a green house where flowers and vegetables can be started, benches were made by students, and cushions were made by students, etc. Courtyard can be used as a place for eating lunch and for studying in warmer weather.

Kids working on really great student research projects: Working with Dina DiSantis on collating years of water research, writing report, presenting.

PRESENTER: Gina DiGiacomo from Brandywine Learning Center: ACT vs SAT and more! www.BrandywineLearningCenter.com
Ms. DiGiacomo presented for 1.5 hours of jammed packed information on applying to colleges, which colleges are good fits for a student, importance of looking at freshman retention rates at colleges, ACT vs SAT, importance of test prep, how to use College Board information, and much, much more.

Go to www.blogprepscholar.com for list of schools that ‘super score’

Go to www.khanacademy.com and www.ACT.org to print tests to practice for SAT/ACT

Post Prom Party Information Meeting: We need lots of help to pull off this wonderful, drug and alcohol free, fun-filled event for our seniors. Parents of students of all ages are encouraged to volunteer a few hours, head up a committee, or volunteer the night of the event! Once you help with this event, you will see what a great experience it is for the kids and parents, too!

Please email us with questions or concerns!
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Next H&S Meeting is (November 16, 2017) @7:00PM – Library
SSG Daly, Ryan J. US Army Recruiter: Will present on military options
Khristina Hunt, Instructional Coach for DHS-West: Will present on Schoology

Upcoming Meetings:
Communities that Care: 10/17/17 1:30pm at Central
Curriculum Council Meeting: 10/30/17 1:30pm at Central
Committee of the Whole: 11/1/17 6:30pm at Central
School Board Meeting: 11/8/17 7:00pm at Central

Upcoming Events/Important dates:
Home Coming:
Bonfire: 10/26
Dance: 10/27
No parade this year
PAYS survey coming up: 11/8/17
PSAT results: mid 12/17